CULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The Food Corporation of India handled 2.25 lakh MTs of imortped fertilisers during 1985-86 on their own account. No imported fertiliser was however, handled by the FCI durnig 1986-87, 1987-88 and also during the current year on government accounts as well as their own account.

(b) The details of quantity of imported fertilisers in stock and distributed by the FCI are as under:

(figures in '000 M.T.)

Financial year	Opening stock		Qty. handled		Qty. distributed	
	GOI Account	Food Corp. Account	GOI Account	Food Corp. Account	GOI Account	Food Corp. Account
1985-86 .	73	113		235		179
1986-87 .	73	154	..			80
1987-88 .	63	124				19
1988-89 .	55*	99*.				0-426

18 transferred to sub-standard account.

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(c) The quantity of imported fertilisers lying in various Corporation godowns for more than 2 years. 000 M.T.).

	Govt India	of Account	FIC Account
1985-86	.	73	Nil
1986-87	. .	63	Nil
1987-88	.	55	124
1988-89	.	55	99

2273. *[Transferred t_0 the 11th August,* 1988.]

AJtotmemt of Rice and Wheat to Maharashtra

2274. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the * Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has recently, requested the Centre to increase the monthly allotment of rice and wheat; and

(b) if so, what ar_e the details in this regard and decision taken by Government theroen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra have requested for increase in their monthly quotas of rice and wheat to 80,000 tonnes and 1,25,000 tonnes, respectively. The allocation of wheat to the State Government which wa 80,000 tonnes in June, 1988, was raised to 85,000 tonnes per month for July and August, 1988. The allocation of rice which has been at the level of 60,000 tonnes a month since February, 1988 has been increased to 65,000 MT for September, 1988.